

SEARCH AND RESCUE PROJECTS

List of projects approved for funding over the past five years. Many search and rescue projects are also supported through the Community Initiatives and Affected Areas Programs and are not reflected here.

Community/ Area	Project	Year	Description	Funding Amount
Arrow Lakes	Response Command Vehicle	2014/15	Arrow Lakes Search and Rescue purchased a new response command vehicle to respond to emergency situations in the Arrow Lakes region.	\$25,000
Beasley	Storage Facility	2012/13	The Beasley Rescue Society constructed a four-bay storage facility for equipment like two emergency response vehicles, a command trailer and two Sea-Doos.	\$25,000
Castlegar	SAREX 2016	2016/17	Castlegar Search and Rescue hosted SAREX 2016 (the regional Search and Rescue Exercise). This training event hosts up to 100 search and rescue volunteers from the Columbia Basin and other parts of BC to learn and improve their search, rescue and life-saving skills.	\$5,000
Cranbrook and District	Snow Safety and Rescue Equipment Replacement	2015/16	The Cranbrook and District Search and Rescue Society enhanced its capacity to conduct winter rescues.	\$6,270
Creston Valley	Acquisition of Boat	2014/15	Creston Valley Search and Rescue purchased a boat that will improve response time and efficiencies.	\$10,800
Fernie and District	Avalanche Transceiver Training Facility	2013/14	The Fernie and District Search and Rescue Society developed and installed a permanent avalanche transceiver training area at Fernie Alpine Resort and purchased a portable training unit for training offsite.	\$13,425
Golden, Nelson and Fernie	Helicopter Rescue Equipment	2016/17	Three search and rescue groups (Golden, Nelson and Fernie) purchased new helicopter external transport systems that will allow the teams to continue or start providing this safety service in the Basin.	\$258,500
Kaslo	Kaslo Water Rescue Upgrade	2015/16	Kaslo Search and Rescue enhanced water rescue services on North Kootenay Lake by purchasing a new rescue watercraft.	\$35,000
Nelson	Nelson Search and Rescue Facilities Upgrade	2014/15	The Nelson Search and Rescue Society renovated its spaces in the Northshore Hall.	\$25,000
Nelson	SAREX 2014	2014/15	The Nelson Search and Rescue Society hosted SAREX 2014.	\$3,000
Nelson	Mobile Command Vehicle	2012/13	The Nelson Search and Rescue Society purchased a mobile command vehicle fully equipped with all required documentation and equipment for a rescue mission, which allows volunteers to reach difficult and challenging rescue sites.	\$32,500
New Denver	Portable Sprinkler Unit	2012/13	The New Denver Rescue Society purchased a portable sprinkler unit to serve Silverton, New Denver and Hills and the rural residents of Area H. This unit allows for the wetting down of buildings in the event of a wildfire.	\$30,000
Revelstoke and District	Highway Rescue Truck Replacement	2014/15	The Revelstoke and District Emergency Rescue Society purchased a new road rescue truck.	\$25,000

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Rossland and District	SAREX 2012	2012/13	Rossland and District Search and Rescue hosted SAREX 2012.	\$2,000
South Columbia	South Columbia Search and Rescue Garage and Renovation	2016/17	South Columbia Search and Rescue constructed a three-vehicle garage beside the current hall and did some renovation to the hall, allowing the group to store all mobile equipment and response vehicles inside at this one location.	\$35,000
South Columbia	South Columbia Search and Rescue Hall Renovation	2015/16	South Columbia Search and Rescue renovated its hall to improve operational efficiency and safety.	\$15,225
Total				\$546,720